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RAPID GROWTH OF COLLECTIVIZATION -- Borba, No 91, 17 Apr 49

As of 10 April, 3,346 farm workers' cooperatives, with a membership of 155,840 families and 736,296 hectares of land, had been registered in Yugoslavia, as shown in the following table:

	No of Coops	No of Families	Acreage (in ha)
Serbia	634	15,489	62,282
Vojvodina	656	76,032	367,414
Kosovo and Metohija	85	3,841	20,799
Croatia	935	18,006	81,188
Slovenia	131	2,605	16,203
Bosnia and Herzegovina	332	9,263	39,018
Macedonia (as of 5 Apr)	472	26,732	141,728
Montenegro	101	3,872	7,664

The table does not include the many farm workers' cooperatives which have been founded but not yet registered because of the rapid growth of collectivization.

NEW COOPERATIVE FARMS IN THE VOJVODINA -- Borba, No 91, 17 Apr 49

During the first 3 months of 1949, 326 farm workers' cooperatives, with a membership of over 44,000 families, were formed in the Vojvodina. As of 16 April, 677 farm workers' cooperatives, with membership of 82,278 families, or about 30 percent of the farm families in the province, have been formed in the Vojvodina. In Zemun Srez, for example, over 92 percent of the farm families and farm land belonged to cooperatives.

Farm workers' cooperatives in the Vojvodina have over 779,000 jutro of land, not counting the area for the personal use of the cooperative members, or 27.83 percent of all arable land in the province. The socialistic sector (which includes farm workers' cooperatives, the farms of agricultural cooperatives, farms owned by societies, and state farms) includes 41 percent of the cultivable land in the Vojvodina.

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At the end of 1948, each hundred hectares of cooperative farm land had an average of 3.5 horse-drawn plows, 0.8 harrows, 0.75 manure spreaders or planters, and 0.3 mowers or reapers. By 20 March 1949, each hundred hectares of cooperative farm land had 7 horse-drawn plows, 4.5 harrows, 2.3 manure spreaders or planters, one mower or reaper, 6 wagons, and many small farm implements. Cooperatives now have over 400 tractors, 1,250 tractor-drawn plows, 397 threshing machines, 126 modern pumps for irrigation, 870 chaffcutters, etc., at their disposal. They now have twice as many horses as last year, over 15,000 more hogs, over 9,000 more cattle, over 16,000 more sheep, about 1,200 more beehives, etc.

The superiority of cooperative farming is shown, for example, by the record of the village of Stejanovci, in Ruma Srez, which has 2,381 jutro of arable land. Last year all the farmers of this village delivered to the state 816,290 kilograms of farm produce, or 342.7 kilograms per jutro of arable land. At that time only a few families and very little land belonged to the "Brile" Cooperative there. Now 64 farm families with 2,016 jutro of arable land have become members, while only 47 families with 365 jutro remain outside. This year's production plan provides that by the end of 1949 they will deliver to the state 419,000 kilograms of wheat, 615,350 kilograms of corn, 327 kilograms of wool, 22,500 kilograms of legumes, 78,000 kilograms of potatoes, and 30,470 kilograms of meat, a total of 1,166,141 kilograms of farm produce, or 42.8 percent more than last year.

COLLECTIVIZATION IN MACEDONIA -- Borba, No 78, 2 Apr 49

By 15 March, 415 farm workers' cooperatives had been founded in Macedonia, and another hundred were formed by 1 April.

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